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LETTERS

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate you on a successful first year. I've enjoyed the first four issues immensely. Even though I've disagreed with several comments in the articles, I've found them stimulating and informative. We need in this field magazines such as *JUFO* to counteract the sensational reporting which permeates the media. We need as many rational leaders in this field as possible. And you are one of them. Continue your excellent work and further good fortune must come your way.

Brian Fortner,
Etobicoke, Ontario.

Thankyou for your kind words, Brian. I hope you continue to enjoy Journal UFO. Ed. ●

I have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for a two-year subscription to Journal UFO, which is without doubt one of the best UFO periodicals that come my way; it is very helpful to get some idea of what's going on in other parts of the world - political and language barriers have a tendency to compartmentalise research as well as data, so that the immense contributions made by present-day French theorists like Meheust and Monnerie are apparently unknown in the States.

In your bilingual country, one hopes that a somewhat more broad-minded attitude may be forthcoming; and in that connection I wonder if you could insert an advertisement in your columns, for which I will gladly pay the cost.

Hilary Evans,
Mary Evans Picture Library,
London, England.

Thanks for your letter and your comments, Hilary. See Ad entitled English Ufologist Seeks Canadian Books, elsewhere in this issue. Ed. ●

BUFORA Comments

Many thanks for your latest magazine. Interesting as usual, although if I may be permitted a personal comment, I felt that the blob story, sounded rather like the non-story of the month, which will no doubt be seized on by Forteans. Reading between the lines it rather sounded as though a lot of people had read more into an irritating event, than was actually to be found. The explanation of a firebug lobbing a piece of flaming plastic sounded like the most obvious explanation and seemed to tie in with the physical characteristics described. Obviously something flying through the air is going to combust better than something ignited on a flat surface. If someone is fanatical enough to lob ignited plastic about for kicks, then perhaps they have also come up with a suitable spring-loaded launching device. Just pray that it doesn't catch on!

While writing, I have the opportunity to advise you that the 2nd London International UFO Congress is scheduled for Sunday-Monday, 24-25 May 1981, at the same venue, The Mount Royal Hotel, near Marble Arch, London W.1. We have not got round to nominating speakers yet.

I thought your reply to the letter about Adamski was an excellent summary, although I suspect you gleaned some of the information from another source (?). I recall that Ray Palmer said several times in FLYING SAUCERS that he had seen the Adamski manuscript. I quote from my notes: on page 37 of FLYING SAUCERS No. 74, Ray Palmer clearly says that he saw the Adamski manuscript in 1943, when he was editor of 'Amazing Stories'. I delight in reminding people that the EAGLE comic started in the UK in 1950. The colour cover cartoon featured DAN DARE - Pilot of the Future. In the lead story,

Dan Dare met the badies, the green Treens, who were warring with the goodies, tanned, blond-haired men, (much like the alleged man in the Californian desert) who both had high-technology civilisations on Venus. "F.S. Have Landed" was not published until late 1953, and Adamski did not claim the desert encounter with the Venusian Scout Craft until about 2 1/2 years after the Dan Dare story appeared.

Lional Beer,
Council Chairman,
BUFORA

Thankyou for your letter, Lionel. As of this date the Mississauga Blob incident still remains a mystery in spite of your most obvious explanation which must still remain a possibility. The green colour of the blob can probably be attributed to its absorbing the green paint from Matchett's picnic table, and in order to do this in the few seconds before it was dowsed with the hose, the heat must have been extreme, much greater than that created by normally ignited plastic, even if it was aided by moving through the air. Either a military or space research activity would seem a more probable cause for the event, but I doubt that the answer will be found. It does seem curious that a forensic lab, which can identify a substance from only trace amounts in crime detection, would request the complete residue, table and all, for further analysis.

In regards to your comments on Adamski's manuscript, the only sources used were the ones quoted in my response. Also, I am familiar with Dan Dare since I grew up in England, but as far as I have been able to ascertain, he didn't "make the scene" in America. Of course, that does not negate the possibility of an encounter between Dare and Adamski. The sources of his inspiration could have been numerous.

I look forward to seeing you and the rest of BUFORA next May. Ed. ●

Congratulations on Journal UFO. It is an excellent production and deserves a place alongside the leading UFO literature. It is a truly professional journal, with good appearance, content, typography and photographs. I have taken it from the first issue and consider it one of the best of its kind right from the start. All UFO research workers will wish you good luck with this stimulating venture. Please keep my name on your circulation list.

Peter A Hill AMR FMS FSS,
Secretary, Edinburgh Branch, BUFORA,
Chairman, International Working Party on Standards in UFO Research

Thanks for your compliments, Peter. I hope you enjoy our second year of publication as much as you enjoyed the first. Ed. ●

Another Fall From The Sky?

First let me tell you how much I enjoyed Journal UFO. It is super.

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping from the Truro Daily News that might have a UFO connection or a Fortean interest to your readers. Debert is about five or six miles from Truro and there is a small Canadian Forces Army base there as well as a small civilian airport. This event should probably have been reported to National Research Council in Ottawa but I doubt if they would have been interested.

By the way, people in Nova Scotia, especially Barrington Passage area outside Halifax, are still reporting earth tremors that the government still claims are due to the Concorde. I was unable to get to or to see this area due to shift-work at hospital, and first heard of it on ATV News Halifax TV station.

Hope this will be of interest to you, and keep up the good work with Journal UFO.

Doris Spears,
Truro, Nova Scotia.

Thankyou for your letter, Doris, and for the enclosed clipping. The incident Doris refers to occurred April 15 at 11:15 p.m., in Debert, Nova Scotia. Tom and Grace Murphy were awakened by a loud noise accompanied by an earth tremor which rattled their home. On the following morning they noticed a hole in their gravel driveway measuring 15 inches in diameter and six feet in depth.

Attempts to explain it as the result of an underground airpocket which collapsed following a frost thaw, a burst water well, and an underground explosion have been dismissed for a variety of reasons. Other suggestions have included a meteorite and the collapse of an old well.

Mr. Murphy apparently decided to try to resolve the mystery by digging up the area with a backhoe tractor. The results of this operation are not known at this time, nor is it known whether any meteorite fragments were found. (Source: The Daily News, Truro, Saturday, April 19, 1980). *Ed.* ●

Alternate Energy Research and UFOs

May I make a short comment. It seems that it is useless to try to understand the entire UFO phenomenon. It is unlikely, till a major change of circumstance and relationship with the universal reality is achieved, that the humankind shall be able to comprehend, let alone work with cosmic science. Besides, it is extremely important that the UFO phenomenon be studied openly, under one umbrella, such as the United Nations, and outside of the grips of the military. Not till the political, psychological and philosophical implications of the UFO phenomenon are better ventilated and articulated can the UFO phenomenon be given military directive.

Dr. Andrew Michrowski,
President, Planetary Association for Clean Enargy, Ottawa, Canada.

Your comment is well-stated, Dr. Michrowski. It has long been my contention that the understanding of the UFO phenomenon will be reached only in light of our eventual understanding of the meaning of life on a much broader basis than currently exists. However, when the psychological and philosophical implications of the UFO phenomenon are fully understood, I feel that military directives will probably be irrelevent.

The Planetary Association for Clean Energy publishes a newsletter at least four times a year. Subscriptions are $10.00 in Canada, $12.50 in the U.S., and $15.00 elsewhere, and may be obtained by writing to their Editorial Headquarters at 100 Bronson Ave., Suite 1001, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1R 6G8.

Their objectives are to "facilitate the discovery, research, development, demonstration and evaluation of clean energy systems" and to "steward the planning, coordination and implementation" of same "on a planetary, continental, regional, local and individual scale." I highly recommend this publication. Ed. ●

Editorial Comment

David A. Haisell



I recently received a report of a UFO sighting which occurred several years ago, thirteen in fact. The witness reported it to her husband and daughter, nobody else. In fact, the only reason she reported it even now is that her daughter is a colleague of mine and is aware of the serious nature of our research. I wonder how many other events have gone unreported because the witnesses knew of nowhere to report where their testimony would be listened to objectively.

It seems the stranger the occurrence, the less likely it is to be reported. And this lady's sighting was strange. I will let her tell you in her own words:

The date of my sighting of the UFO was April 2, 1967; a clear Spring Sunday evening between a quarter and twenty minutes after six o'clock. I had just finished doing the dinner dishes and was alone in the house; my daughter had driven her father over to the smoke shop in Streetsville for tobacco.

I came into the living room and sat on the sofa in front of the large picture window. I only sat there a few seconds when I glanced out the window and saw the UFO. It was coming in from the West, and when I saw it, was heading due East.

The UFO came in below tree top level and I had a perfect view of it; my first thought was, it is not very big - what category would it be in - and the answer came back to me loud and clear - Scout, I said, of course.

My next question was where is it going and again the answer came back - Airport.

I then remembered all the instructions of the research people in the books I had read, or studied, and started to put this knowledge into execution.

I looked for the lights and only found two until the craft tilted on edge and headed South-east, then I saw the third one - white and red colours.

I then took note of the shape and colour of the craft. It was the shape of two garbage can lids stuck together and was a beige/brown eggshell colour - no dome on top and no portholes or windows. The UFO was the same circumference as two garbage can lids. My next thought was speed.

I'm not an aeronautical engineer but I believe when I saw this beautiful little aircraft it was just cruising. To my way of thinking it was not going as fast as our aircraft travel over my home and I have been watching our airplanes for nearly thirty years.

The next thing I thought of was noise. My doors and windows were closed, but I do not think the craft was making any noise. It was very quiet in the room, but I did not hear noise of any kind.

The next consideration was how was the UFO flying, on what type of fuel or energy. I do not, of course, know this, but what I do know is that when the craft changed direction from East to South-east and levelled up again, I distinctly saw a pure white substance all around the bottom of the craft. It made me feel as though the ship was floating on this, a shimmer of heat.

I watched the UFO all the way down my garden lot, which is 396 feet long; it was on exact target for the airport.

I can only end my description by quoting Shakespeare. "There are more things betwixt Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than meets with our philosophy."

Mrs. Harrison was not the only one to see it. She waited for the newspaper to report it, feeling sure there must have been other witnesses. And she was not disappointed. The following Tuesday, April 4, 1967, the now defunct Toronto paper, *The Telegram*, reported with front page headlines *"Red and white UFO over Metro sets phones ringing."* Hundreds of people were sent *"scrambling for telephones."* Newspapers, police and radio stations were swamped with calls. James Dorman, then 18, of Etobicoke grabbed his camera upon hearing a radio report, and managed to spot the object and obtain a series of pictures, which also appeared in the paper. He estimated the object to be at a height of 1500 to 2500 feet, and claimed it flashed once red and twice white at one second intervals. He watched for four minutes as it flew south over the airport and then climbed out of sight. An airport official said the control tower staff was aware of an object in the vicinity but it didn't interfere with aircraft.

The strangest aspect of this case is the size of the object, about three feet in diameter. This is not the only report of a small UFO. Apparently several were seen in Ottawa in the 1950s during the research of Wilbert B. Smith, head of Project Magnet. His son was an eye witness in several incidents, referring to the objects as "monitors".

What prompted me to comment on these cases was John Magor's reference to "mini-UFOs" in his "CUFOR Notebook" in this issue (see pp 30-32). As John states, it is strange cases such as these that keep *"a UFO reporter going. Baffled though he may be, he would not miss the next surprise for anything."* Let us hope the stigma associated with reporting strange UFO events (as if they are all not strange enough) soon disappears, so that witnesses will be more willing to report them.

In April of this year, Project Starlight International (PSI), the laboratory of instrumented UFO research in Austin, Texas, released some preliminary results of their latest research in a newsletter. A possible major breakthrough in understanding the nature of UFOs may be on the horizon thanks to the efforts of this group during the last 28 months. At the urging of other scientists demanding hard physical data/evidence of UFOs and their effects, PSI has finally obtained *"several exotic-looking UFO light spectra"* using a Bausch & Lomb blazed diffraction grating. These are currently being analyzed and the results will be published upon completion of the analysis.

But there's more. They also have recorded possible UFO magnetic effects and have detected what they call a *"flash phenomenon"* associated with an instrumented UFO tracking in July, 1978. Both motion and still photos indicate the light-flash is repetitive, but *"of such short duration as to be below the threshold of the human visual-perceptual system."* There is evidence that this *"may induce perplexing physiological reactions such as tired eyes, seeming inability to focus on the object(s), or even hypnagogic-like sensations or epileptic-like symptoms."* Hypnagogic experiences are characteristic of altered states of consciousness and could account for some of the weird experiences of some alleged UFO abductees. See a further discussion of this in Michael Harris' article "Fringe Cases" in this issue.

Ray Stanford of PSI will be reporting in detail on their research at the MUFON Conference in Houston on June 7 in a paper tentatively entitled *"Instrumented Sensing, Recording, and Documentation of Transitory Phenomena in UFO Events."* We hope to have further information for our next issue.

To conclude, please inform us if your copies of JUFO are not arriving, or are severely late in arriving. In some cases, copies have taken up to a month to reach the west coast. Finally, we are much in need of new subscribers. We appreciate your patronage, but we may not be able to continue publishing if friends are encouraged to borrow your copy, rather than subscribe. Thanks for your support. ●

STEPHEN, MINNESOTA; Not Proof, But...

CHRIS RUTKOWSKI

Chris Rutkowski heads his own research group, Ufology Research of Manitoba, in Winnipeg, and is also co-director of the Manitoba Centre For UFO Studies, along with Ed Barker. Rutkowski publishes his own newsletter, The Swamp Gas Journal, (ISSN 0701-7106), and the following article first appeared in the April 1980 issue (Vol. 1, No. 7) of that publication. A preliminary report on this case also appeared in JUFO 1:3, pg. 8.

A main issue under examination at the Manitoba Conference on Ufology (MCU), on March 16, 1980, was the Val Johnson UFO incident which occurred on August 27, 1979. The case has received wide publicity, and has been noted in most ufozines (see *Swamp Gas Journal* 1:6, *JUFO* 1:3, *IUR* 4:3), so it will not be repeated again here. But, briefly, it involved the apparent impact of a U.S. police vehicle with an unidentified flying object, near the town of Stephen, Minnesota. The incident was supported by various physical evidence in the form of dents, impact marks and broken glass.

Frankly, it is one of the most puzzling incidents in the history of ufology. This strong statement is partly because of the fact that the case involves a man who has been described as "the perfect witness". Val Johnson is a Deputy Sheriff in Marshall County, Minnesota, and is a trained observer as well as an experienced police officer. The physical evidence suggests that something very strange happened to him in the early morning on a lonely stretch of road near the Red River. The time sequence of events is very firmly established by both tape recorded and written logs of his actions that morning. The physical traces were examined and measurements were made immediately after the encounter by trained police investigators, and Mr. Johnson was taken to a hospital by ambulance directly from the site.

At MCU, the case was discussed and reviewed in detail by all participants, as presented by guests Val Johnson, Everett Doolittle and Greg Winskowski. Doolittle was the first individual to reach the site after Johnson radioed for help, and Winskowski conducted the initial police investigation. Many fascinating points were noted, as given in the following paragraphs.

Physiological Effects

When Val Johnson was found by Everett Doolittle, he was slumped forward over the steering wheel, and in mild shock. A bruise later appeared on Johnson's forehead, presumably caused by impact with the steering wheel. He was dazed, and said that "everything was in slow motion." He had an intense pain ("excrutiating") in his eyes, and having done some welding in his career, knew what welders' burn was like and compared his pain to this. "It was as if someone had hit me in the face with a 400 pound pillow," he said of the sensation of his head. However, he stated repeatedly that the only pain he experienced was from his eyes. This is extremely interesting in the light of dental examinations he had one week previous and one week after his experience. At the first, he had an extensive series of x-rays taken, in preparation for major dental work. His bridgework, including the caps on his front teeth, was intact. At the second examination, the examining dentist found that Johnson's bridgework was broken at the gums. Yet, no swelling or pain was felt.

Physical Effects

When Everett Doolittle arrived on the scene, Val Johnson's police car was front-end-first in the left-hand ditch, with its rear end sticking into the left-hand lane of the road. The "impact point" was determined by the location of the broken glass of the headlight, on the road, 953 feet from where the car was found. From that point, "yaw marks" (described by Doolittle as faint skid marks caused by putting a car out of gear without applying the brakes) travelled in a straight line for 854 feet down the road. These became dark skid marks from there to where the car stopped moving, going in a straight line for most of the remaining length, turning abruptly at the end toward the ditch.

The right member of the left pair of headlights was broken. There was a round dent, approximately one inch in diameter, directly over the master brake cylinder, on the hood. This dent appeared as if a hammer had struck the hood at an angle that could be anywhere from 45 to 75 degrees from the horizontal. A photograph taken with a UV filter showed that there was a deposit left on the flat bottom surface of the dent.

The windshield of the car had an interesting pattern of breakage, in the shape of a teardrop (point up). This was located on the driver's side. There were three main impact points visible, though the lowest of the three was the largest and most complex. Testing of the glass by the Ford Motor Company suggested that there were signs of both inward <u>and</u> outward motion of the windshield. They were apparently unfamiliar with the breakage pattern. It is fairly obvious, though, that even a small stone would have been driven through the windshield, even at relatively low speed, so it is hard to interpret the shattering as an actual impact. However, it was noted at the Conference that the analytical findings bear some resemblance to those of a shock-wave-induced breakage.

The roof light which was affected had its glass knocked out. The police radio antenna on the center of the roof was bent about five inches up from the roof, at about a 45 degree angle. The CB antenna on the trunk was bent near its tip, at an angle near 90 degrees, three inches from the top.

An interesting observation made by the police investigators was that all the damage on the vehicle occurred in a straight path no wider than twelve inches. Because of this "linear" formation, it was suggested that an object had struck a glancing blow to the car, initially impacting the headlight, rolling over the hood, up the window and over the roof. However, at the Conference it was realized that this scenario could not account for all the damage in the form it was observed. An object hitting the car at the front would not have the capability to re-direct its force downward further up the hood, graze the window and still have enough force to bend the antennas.

The antennas are spring loaded, so anything bending them would have to have been travelling extremely fast to create the shape they are now in. It was also proposed that the antennas were bent by a strong deceleration, causing them to whip forward. But the design of the antennas is such that they can withstand a strong deceleration without acute bending. Any deceleration of sufficient strength to bend them backwards as they moved forward, would certainly have killed the occupant. Most curiously, the insects adhered to the antennas were not wiped off from the impact, as might be expected.

The battery of the car can no longer hold a charge. It has been proposed that the headlight and roof light were imploded by a high-energy electrical source. Ball lightning was suggested as a cause, but it could not have created the dent in the hood, nor the impacts on the window, let alone the bending of the antennas. The electric clock in the car was found to be missing fourteen minutes. Strangely, Val Johnson's mechanical wristwatch was also lacking fourteen minutes. This is indeed odd, because both were synchronized with the clocks in the police station earlier in the night, and all time checks after that agreed, as late as 01:00, only a short while before the incident.

The CB radio in the car, although it was said not to have been in the best working order before the incident, was described as being "even worse" after it.

Allan Hendry, of the Center for UFO Studies, sent a gauss-meter to the police investigator, in order for them to test for changes in the car's magnetic pattern. These results were, apparently, negative.

There was evidence of dust particles in the shattered glass, and it was suggested that this dust was the residue found in the round dent in the hood.

Psychological Effects

When Val Johnson called for help, his voice was

described as being "weak", and like "someone coming out of a daze." He had been, apparently, unconscious for 39 minutes, from the time he heard glass breaking and felt a light "hit" him, to the time he woke up, opening one eye to see the red "ENGINE" light on his dash. During that period, the car had travelled in a straight line for 953 feet, before veering to the left over the left lane into the ditch. He does not remember applying the brakes, yet the skid marks belie the fact that they were, indeed, applied.

At MCU, Mr. Johnson was asked what he thought had happened to him that morning. He said that he believed he "had seen something (he) wasn't supposed to see." Questioned on this, he could only speculate that he had stumbled upon somebody doing something that wasn't meant to be observed, and that his powers of observation were effectively neutralized. He was also asked if the method of regressive hypnosis had ever been suggested to him. He replied that the *National Enquirer* had asked him to submit to a regression, and pay him for the exclusive rights to the results. He had rejected their offer. He was then asked if he would agree to a hypnotic regression with a clinical hypnotist for research purposes, not for publication. He said no, and added that he was not curious about what had happened to him that morning. Everett Doolittle said after this that their file on the case is now closed, and that their investigation is now terminated after reaching no conclusions. They stated that their investigation was over, and that the matter is now in the hands of the ufologists. They will not subject Johnson to either a polygraph or a regressive hypnosis, as they feel it is not necessary for their investigation. All three were asked if the Air Force, CIA or FBI had approached them, and they all answered to the negative.

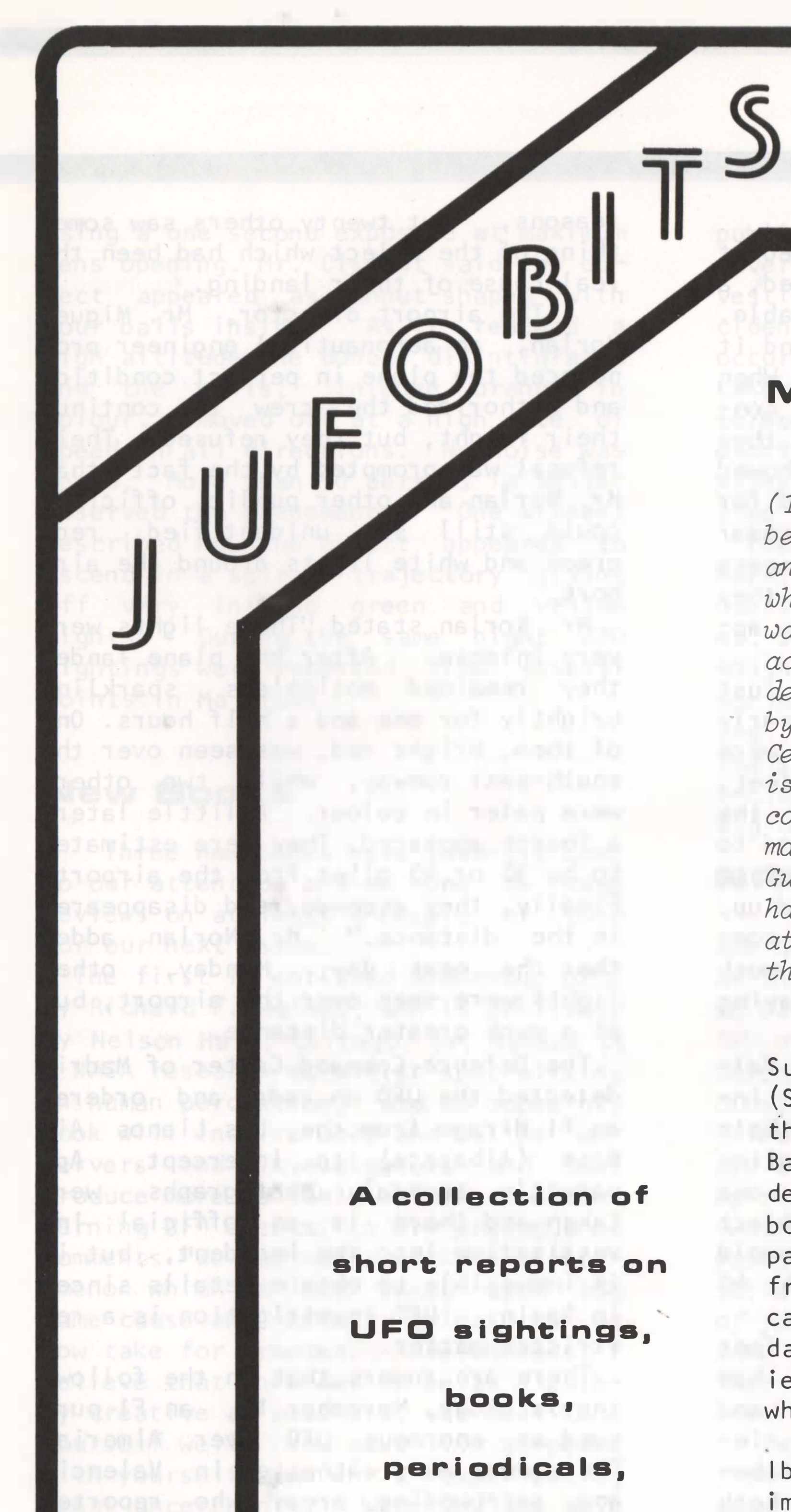
Val Johnson was asked if he had since experienced any other unusual incicents: dreams, MIB, psi phenomena, etc. He revealed a highly interesting thing; from time to time, he will find himself thinking three words, which somehow are sticking in his mind. The words stay with him "like a McDonald's commercial," and he can find no reason for thinking them. The three words are: "I AM COMMITTED". (He said that if he ever saw that light again, he'd stop the car and "yell for help!")

Discussion

This case was reviewed in detail, and photographs of the car were examined closely. Additional evidence was brought forth, and theories were presented to try and account for all the evidence. Guy Westcott, a NOAP investigator, stated that he had found a "burn mark" in the field beside the road, while he was examining the site. This mark, about 6-7 feet in diameter, had no vegetation on its surface, and bore some resemblance to a fertilizer burn. Val Johnson said that a representative from the USDA (Agriculture Rep) expressed a personal interest in the case, and had taken infrared aerial photographs of the site. These showed that the ditches on either side of the site had a "different" chlorophyll absorbtion than the surrounding fields.

After much debate, it eventually was concluded by the MCU participants that the incident was inconsistent with the theory of the car having been struck by an object of some sort, including ball lightning. The idea of hits by multiple objects was considered and found marginally tenable. However, there are 39 minutes to account for, a complex sequence of impacts by several objects, or even some effects caused at a short distance by unknown individuals, can be included in the list of possibilities. It is easily demonstrable that something very unusual happened that morning, and that at the present time, there is no adequate explanation for the effects noted in the case, based on the proposed theories. Many questions still remain unanswered, and they may remain unanswered for some time to come. The Stephen, Minnesota, incident is listed in UFOROM files as "unknown". ●

(CORRECTION: After this article had been prepared for publication in JUFO, Chris Rutkowski informed us that the "chlorophyll absorbtion" report came from A. W. Research of Brainerd, Minnesota, not from the USDA, as originally reported. Also, a full report on this case by Allan Hendry of CUFOS appears in the May issue of FATE magazine. -Ed.)



A collection of short reports on UFO sightings, books, periodicals, conferences, etc.

More From Spain

In the previous issue of Journal UFO (1:4) we briefly related the encounter between a Spanish commercial jet liner and a UFO. Our report was based on what was available from the media, and was therefore sketchy and possibly inaccurate. However, we promised further details, and they were made available by our Spanish correspondent, Fernando Cerdá Guardia. Again, since this case is apparently being handled in extreme confidentiality in Spain, his sources may be subject to error; however, Señor Guardia is a careful investigator, and has done his best to provide as accurate information as is possible under the circumstances.

On November 11, 1979 at 10:47 p.m. a Super-Caravelle of the TAE Company (Spanish Air Transport) took off from the Palma de Majorca Airport on the Balearic Islands, bound for Santa Cruz de Tenerife on the Canary Islands. On board were 109 Austrian and German passengers. The flight, originally from Salzburg, Austria, was under the captaincy of Mr. Javier Lerdo de Tejada, 34, who had 8000 hours of experience over 15 years of service, 6 of which were as a military pilot.

At 11:02 p.m. the plane passed over Ibiza on the Balearic Islands. Almost immediately the Barcelona control tower radioed Captain Tejada to switch to the emergency frequency as they were picking up a radar reading originating out at sea about 45 miles from Valencia.

Later, during an interview, Tejada reported "At 11:07 p.m. we noticed two bright, intense red lights coming from the south at an estimated distance of 15 miles away. I believe it was one object with two lights on its extremities because their movements were

completely co-ordinated.

"A minute later I was convinced it was travelling at an enormous speed, a speed of which no plane was capable. We were flying at 23,000 feet, and it appeared to be at the same level. When the object was 10,000 feet away I contacted Barcelona control, but they indicated their secondary radar showed no unidentified traffic. I asked for assistance from the primary radar units at Aitana (Alicante) and Pegaso (Madrid) military airports, and they confirmed the presence of an echo approaching us at great speed.

"When it reached our vicinity, just behind and to our left, it was clearly visible as two bright lights. We were then at an altitude of 27,000 feet, and I estimated the object to be the size of a jumbo. It then commenced to perform unusual manoeuvers, advancing, retreating, moving to the side and up, manoeuvers impossible for a conventional aircraft. It approached much too closely - it seemed to be playing with us.

"I made an emergency request to Valencia for permission to land and informed the passengers to fasten their safety-belts explaining our situation as a mechanical problem. There was one moment at 29,000 feet when the object came so close it appeared we would collide. I had to make a quick 40 degree right bank to avoid it.

After we had descended 2000 feet Barcelona control radioed that we had a UFO about 500 feet to our left and 9000 feet below, developing an incredible speed. Then it was right beside us. Barcelona radar tracked both our plane and the UFO as we appeared to merge into a single echo.

"We continued to descend, and lost track of the object at 15,000 feet, about 30 miles from Valencia. I circled the Manises Airport at Valencia a few times to eject fuel, and then landed a little before 12 midnight."

Fifty-eight of the passengers signed a petition claiming that they had landed prematurely for mechanical reasons, but twenty others saw something of the object which had been the real cause of their landing.

The airport director, Mr. Miguel Norlan, an aeronautical engineer pronounced the plane in perfect condition and authorized the crew to continue their flight, but they refused. Their refusal was prompted by the fact that Mr. Norlan and other public officials could still see unidentified red, green and white lights around the airport.

Mr. Norlan stated "These lights were very intense. After the plane landed they remained motionless sparkling brightly for one and a half hours. One of them, bright red, was seen over the south-east runway, while two others were paler in colour. A little later, a fourth appeared. They were estimated to be 30 or 40 miles from the airport. Finally, they ascended and disappeared in the distance." Mr. Norlan added that the next day, Monday, other lights were seen over the airport, but at a much greater distance.

The Defence Command Center of Madrid detected the UFO on radar and ordered an F1 Mirage from the Los Llanos Air Base (Albacete) to intercept. Apparently several photographs were taken and there is an official investigation into the incident, but it is impossible to obtain details since, in Spain, UFO investigation is a restricted matter.

There are rumors that on the following Saturday, November 17, an F1 pursued an enormous UFO over Almeria. There were many witnesses in Valencia and surrounding areas who reported seeing the lights. On the previous Saturday, November 10, several persons reported a disc-shaped object travelling toward the Mediterranean emitting a very intense light.

About 2:30 a.m. on November 12, Jose Climent, an engineer, who was in the locality of Soller (Majorca Island), photographed a large object as it rose up behind the mountains apparently from the sea. The camera was a Minolta with an ASA 100 film set at 3200 ASA, using a one second exposure at maximum lens opening. Mr. Climent said the object appeared as donut-shaped with four balls inside. As it reached a high altitude the donut disintigrated and the balls, intense orange in colour, moved off at a high rate of speed in all directions. No noise was heard. More than 50 persons in Soller observed the phenomenon. One witness described how the object appeared to ascend in a spiral trajectory giving off very intense green and yellow lights. During the same night UFO sightings were reported from several points in Majorca.

New Books

Three new books have recently come to our attention and we hope to have reviews on at least a couple of them for our next issue.

The first is entitled *Observing UFOs* by Richard F. Haines, and is published by Nelson Hall, Chicago. Dr. Haines is a NASA research scientist specializing in human perception, and he hopes his book will inspire more and better observers and investigators and thus produce more reliable information concerning UFO events. In his prologue he comments "We may be faced with a phenomenon which is not based upon the same cause and effect principles we now take for granted. Nevertheless, I believe that in order to be as flexibly creative as possible, you must know yourself well. You must live at peace with yourself even while experiencing great uncertainty. When you are able to live this way you will be a more integral person, a person who can grapple more effectively with the multidimensional nature of the phenomenon behind the UFO. I believe that this is the kind of person who should be studying UFOs." This book looks like a must for all serious UFO investigators. $21.95 hardcover ISBN 0-88229-540-3, $10.95 paperback ISBN 0-88227-752-2.

Gateway To Oblivion by Hugh Cochrane, published by Doubleday ($11.95 hardcover, ISBN 0-385-15376-7) is an investigation of some of the strange accidents, disappearences and tragedies occurring in and around the Great Lakes of North America. This is interwoven with many of the reported UFO events in this area, and Cochrane implies a relationship may exist. Looks like interesting reading.

The third book is by Janet and Colin Bord, and is entitled *Alien Animals*, published by Granada Publishing Limited, U.K. (£7.95 hardcover, ISBN 0-236-40154-8). This work investigates a worldwide selection of reported sightings of inexplicable animals, and animals seen where they should not be, including reports of lake monsters and Bigfoot. 258 pages, well illustrated.

NRC Reports

The Planetary Sciences Section of the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics at the National Research Council(NRC) in Ottawa serves to compile and record UFO sightings from across Canada from various sources (e.g. RCMP, military, civilian, etc.). These reports are filed in the non-meteoritic file, and are available for public examination by reservation. Very few are ever investigated by NRC, and it is up to private researchers to pursue the details of any case which seems worthy of follow-up in that it might provide some useful information toward a further understanding of the UFO phenomenon.

Investigators must copy information from the files by hand, and must also sign an agreement not to publicly reveal the identity of the witnesses involved without their permission. Periodically a representative of U.P. Investigations Research is able to travel to Ottawa to examine the files, but a shortage of research funds usually prevents much further investigation of a majority of the cases. We will, however, try to summarize the most interesting cases from time to time in these pages, and the following are summaries of some of the most recent

reports. Cases are identified by NRC simply by sequence (of receipt of report) within year. For example, N79/103 is the code for the 103rd report received during 1979...

At approximately twenty minutes after midnight on October 5, 1979 an RCMP constable sighted the following UFO while parked in his police car on Lac LeJeune Road in Kamloops, B.C. A dull orange light with the appearance of a flare appeared in the sky about one half a mile to the west of his car, remained there for five to ten seconds, and then disappeared. About thirty seconds later a huge craft appeared directly overhead with a sudden burst of eight to ten extremely bright lights. It remained stationary for ten to fifteen seconds and then headed east at an extreme rate of speed. Within twenty to thirty seconds it had disappeared from sight over the mountains near Mt. Lolo. No sound was heard throughout the incident.

Another RCMP constable who witnessed the phenomenon from close to the Lac LeJeune turn-off reported a strong odor of something similar to a fuse flare when the object was overhead and after it had disappeared. Several other members of the RCMP and a number of civilians reported seeing the object in motion, but none saw it stationary.

Most reports indicated it would have been at approximately cloud level (1/4 to 1/2 mile) as it appeared to light up the clouds and smog as it travelled. The whole time it moved it appeared to be one craft, as all the lights maintained the same relative position. If it was one craft it was a calculated 1000 feet in length with a reported "tail" of about 100 feet.

Mt. Lolo radar base was advised of the occurrence but would offer no further information. NORAD HQ was contacted and explained the sighting as a re-entry of a Soviet spaceship. This is an interesting explanation in view of the reported sighting times: Kamloops reported 00:20 hrs, Salmon Arm 00:28 hrs, and Revelstoke 00:30 hrs. Unfortunately it is not known who reported these times, nor their accuracy, but Kamloops and Revelstoke are about 100 miles apart, with Salmon Arm about halfway in between. These observations would mean the object had an average speed of almost 400 miles/hr between Kamloops and Salmon Arm, and almost 1500 miles/hr between Salmon Arm and Revelstoke. An increase in average speed of over 1000 miles per hour somehow doesn't seem consistent with the explanation that it was a re-entrant spaceship, especially in light of the fact that it reportedly maintained the same altitude for the duration of the sighting. This, of course, assumes that all witnesses saw the same phenomenon. N79/102

At thirty minutes after midnight on November 20, 1979 a Montreal man on Quebec Highway 20, near exit #95 reported an oval, dull grey "ship" flying about 15 feet above the ground. The incident lasted about five minutes during which the object made no sound. However, as it flew over the witness' car, all systems ceased functioning. No further details are available. N79/115

The RCMP investigated a sighting reported by an eighteen year old Richmond, B.C. girl, occurring at about 2:00 a.m. on November 29, 1979.

The girl reported seeing an object shaped like an upside-down saucer with a grey top. The bottom was flat, dull gold in colour with a black centre which appeared to protrude slightly. There were four lights evenly spaced on the bottom near the circumference, and also what appeared to be triangular-shaped vents. The top appeared to be spinning while the bottom was not. It reportedly made a loud humming noise.

She observed the object at what was described as a "reasonably short distance" from her home, travelling west to east over northern Richmond. After about two minutes she went to get her parents with whom she lives, returning 30 seconds later to observe the object disappearing in the east. (It was not reported if her parents returned with her.) There were apparently no other witnesses. It was a clear night.

The RCMP reported the witness seemed to be intelligent and reliable, had not been drinking, and did not seem the type to imagine a UFO or make a false report. She works at Vancouver International Airport and is familiar with aircraft at night. N79/119

At 5:30 p.m. on December 2, 1979 a Doberman Pinscher belonging to a Naples District (Alberta) housewife began barking outside the back door of her home. Upon investigating she found the dog facing NW, barking at a bright blue glowing object which appeared to be about 300 feet away, twenty feet above the ground.

She went outside and started to approach the object, but had only gone about 25 feet when she became frightened and returned to the house. After unsuccessfully trying to reach her husband at work, she made several other calls, all the while keeping her eye on the object through the window, noticing that its colour was slowly dimming. It was football-shaped (vertical) and estimated to be about five feet along its vertical axis. It remained stationary and made no sound throughout the duration of the sighting (about 15 minutes). There is no indication in the report of how the sighting concluded.

It was also observed by the witness' two sons, aged 12 and 9. On the evening of December 2, the sky was clear and there was a full moon. N79/120

At a James Bay check point in Quebec an unidentified object, described only as being about 20 inches in diameter, reportedly seemed to hit the corner of a house (presumably the guard house). No marks were found, however.

In the guard house the lights dimmed and came back on again. Radio contact with all other sites was lost; even though the radios were on, they would not transmit. Also, the security car which was approaching the house at the time lost its transceiver.

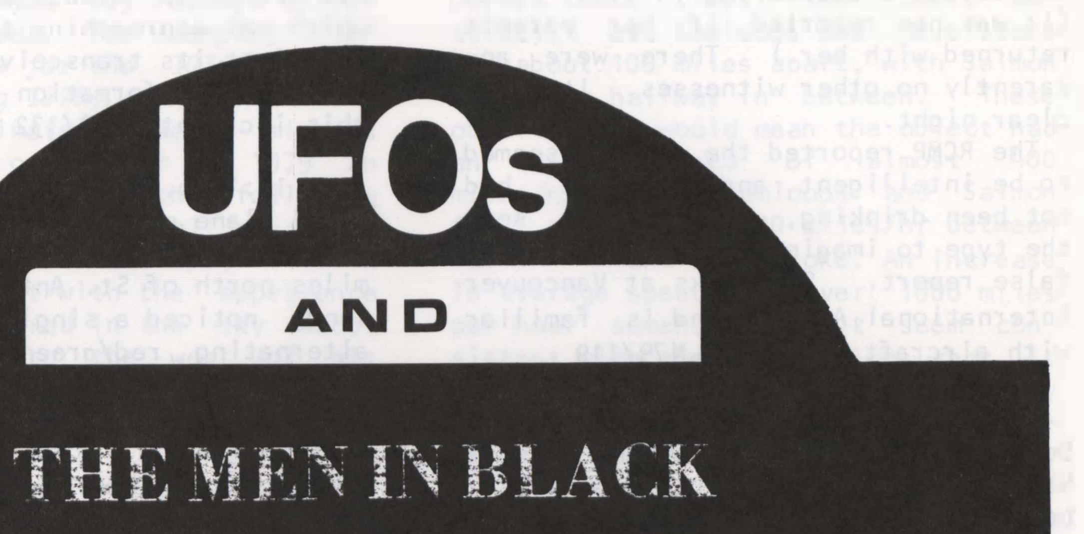
No other information is available on this incident. N79/132

At 10:15 p.m. on December 19, 1979 a small plane pilot bound for Goose Bay, Labrador, flying at 7000 feet, 50 miles north of St. Anthony, Newfoundland, noticed a single steady light alternating red/green/white low off his left wing. The light remained with him until he was about 50 miles S.E. of Goose Bay, a total distance of 190 to 200 miles, moving at the same speed as the plane.

One week before, the pilot had observed the same object along the same route under the same conditions, but had not reported it. It eventually disappeared south of a ridge of mountains, S.E. of Goose Bay. N79/133

On the clear morning of January 5, 1980, at 4:00 a.m., three witnesses watched a very bright white light about one sixth the size of the moon hovering over a transformer station in Hanmer, Ontario. It had a flashing blue light on top. It slowly moved away (no direction given) and eventually disappeared. The total duration of the event was about five minutes. No other details are available. N80/08

A 20 year old girl, her 17 year old brother and their grandmother reported seeing two triangular-shaped objects between 7;30 and 8:00 p.m. on January 13, 1980 near their residence in West Gwillimbury Township, Ontario. Each triangular object had 15 blue and red lights with a very bright light on the front, and was as large as a jumbo jet. They appeared to be 250 to 300 feet above the ground, and were moving slowly with a soft rumbling sound. The first one came from the NE and the second from the NW. The girl stated she could definitely see their outline and insists they were not aircraft or helicopters. She stated she was not drinking or joking. N80/18 ●



PHENOMENON

by Don Worley

Don Worley is an investigator-researcher of UFOs and associated ground phenomena. This is only a hobby on his part. He represents two major UFO research organizations in eastern and southern Indiana, and has been involved since 1965, investigating over 300 incidents. In 1977 he was invited to present a paper on his research at the CUFOS conference for western hemisphere investigators. Don is a successful writer, and some fifteen of his articles have appeared in magazines of this type in both Canada and the U.S.A.

Buried in the depths of the unfathomable UFO mystery are infrequent episodes of a sinister nature involving men in black, strange large automobiles, etc. As you journey with me into this part of the unknown, I know from my own feelings that you will be somewhat disturbed. In the past I have looked upon such reports with a very jaundiced eye. I have finally come to terms with my own very unobjective emotional attitude and realize that such matters cannot be excluded from thought no matter how controversial, senseless, and frightening they are. I have discovered that some of these "fantastic stories", told by witnesses who are not associated in time or location, possess the same identical bizarre elements. I am also troubled by the fact that these witnesses persist in telling their unreasonable tales even though they know they will be rejected by today's blindly materialistic society.

One group of MIB visitation cases seems to have none of the factors I will touch on here. Perhaps this type is strictly human and governmental in origin. We shall not be able to make that statement about the category of events that will unfold in this article. No, it seems that the realm of Oriental faced men and their big black automobiles seems to be the kind of thing that lies unseen just beyond our finger tips. I will tell you about specific cases so that you may understand this statement and see the full scope of this type of MIB phenomenon.

In comparison with some MIB episodes it would seem that the intelligence behind them chose to treat lonely, isolated Rachel Baker gently. In the 1966-1967 time period this rural Indiana woman had three encounters with UFOs as she drove home late at night on a deserted road. In the last encounter she experienced a lost time period followed by visible effect to herself and her automobile. After her last experience a large black automobile was waiting for her near her home. On this occasion it forced her into her driveway, but this was all she was ever to see of the MIB. However, in later years she did undergo a long series of night-time sleep visitations by small dwarf-like men, with physical effects visible the next day. So in this case we seem to have a direct association between UFOs, a black automobile, and the entities historically called the little people in old European countries.

We turn next to a case in Culver City, California which may indicate that the Oriental faced MIB can be present in an indoor haunted situation without UFOs or large automobiles being seen. In this remarkable case glowing figures, lights, temperature, odor, and poltergeist effects were present. Some twenty individuals from the UCLA parapsychology lab, armed with an array of photographic equipment, witnessed some of these manifestations. Little was captured on film in six visits to the home, but blobs of light were photographed with high speed black and white film using a deep red filtered strobe. The fact we want to note is that two of the residents of the home claimed they had repeatedly seen two dark solid figures with Oriental faces. The mother claimed to have physically bumped into one of the apparitional figures in the hallway. The mother and son would not accept the possibility that the figures could have been imagined or were prowlers.

In 1968 headlines everywhere carried the story of a 35 year old Loco, Texas cotton farmer named Carroll Watts. He made some very electrifying claims about a meeting with spacemen, the usual physical examination etc. Watts earnestly sought government help to prove his claims. He had what he claimed were photos of the

spacemen and their craft. These he sent by registered mail to the University of Colorado Condon UFO Study. He was never to see the photos again. University officials claimed they were accidentally lost. Watts was also eager to undergo a polygraph examination to prove his claims. On the night before he was to leave for the test in Amarillo he received a phone call warning him not to take the test. That morning, as he was enroute to Amarillo, he was waved down by a young attractive blond woman standing by a late model blue-green Plymouth. As he stepped out of his truck to help her, he was felled by a blow on the back of his neck. He lay on the ground partially dazed, yet able to see his assailants. They were two tall clean-shaven tan-skinned men whose faces were Oriental in appearance. Both pointed automatic rifles at the thoroughly frightened Watts. Speaking in sharp precise words, they made it clear to Watts that he was to fail the polygraph test or suffer the consequences. A badly shaken Watts promptly flunked the test with flying colors soon afterward. On the next night another strange and frightening event occurred at the Watts home. A large black car drove slowly by the home with its lights out. It turned around up the road, and tire marks were found later at this spot. Watts had dashed into a nearby field with his M1 Carbine when the automobile appeared. As the automobile returned, a blast from a shotgun was fired at the Watts home. Watts emptied his gun at the mystery Cadillac. No hits seemed to be scored by either party. After this last threat Watts eagerly claimed, for news media publication, that his entire UFO story was one big hoax.

At this juncture I must warn the reader that we will move on to some even more weird seemingly impossible events, but that ultimately you will see a series of strange similarities in all of this.

One night in 1976 a Minnesota couple were driving down a highway toward the small town where they lived. The area had been experiencing an unusual amount of UFO activity. They pulled into a motel driveway and the man got out with the intention of using the outside phone booth there. As he neared the booth a big black Cadillac suddenly arrived and blocked his path. An ordinary man jumped out and rudely pushed his way into the booth ahead of the Minnesota man.

The upset couple drove on down the highway until they saw another phone booth. They were utterly amazed when the same Cadillac nearly drove them into a ditch and the same man again raced to the phone booth ahead of them. Unbelievable as it seems, this puzzling ritual was repeated at yet another phone booth down the highway. The now fuming-mad couple began to follow the mysterious car and its odd acting driver. They were able to obtain its license number. Then, as they followed, the mysterious automobile suddenly rose up into the air from the highway, and vanished before their very eyes. Law enforcement traced the license number to a man residing in the area. After some investigation they became convinced that he knew nothing about the incident. They also called in on the CUFOS Hot Line and Dr. Hynek was roused out of bed to hear about the strange incident. The Minnesota man looked upon the incident as some sort of religious miracle. He is an adherent of the Jehovah Witness form of worship. His denomination believes that the Bible teaches that all paranormal manifestations are the work of the devil. I wanted to mention this one important fact about the man whose license number was involved in all this because later we will again encounter this curious religious connection.

Let us move on to a quiet back area in southern Tennessee. Here you will see the weird things I have written about thus far, reaching an incredible crescendo of activity. To the unbelieving outside world some of these southern natives must seem like candidates for a mental institution. However you will soon learn that their wild impossible tales do gain an aura of credibility from events elsewhere. Of course, the cry of the critic is that they must have scientifically verifiable physical evidence. All I can say is, that is not the way the superintelligences behind the MIBs play their incredible game. No, it is a conglomeration of half truths, contradictions, and lies; a cunning game of uncomprehendible motives played from beyond the edge of the reality our limited senses allow us to detect.

From 1973 to 1976 southern Tennessee was an intermittent hot-bed of UFO activity with a number of contactee episodes. The alien contact experiences of two of these persons were quite extensive. In a previous contact a man named Swanson (a pseudonym) had been allowed to copy, from a screen created in his mind while on the craft, a group of symbols which the occupants claimed was the formula for the propulsion system. In June 1974 Swanson was stopped on his way home from work by two dark complexioned men in a black late-model Cadillac bearing California license plates. No witnesses were ever able to get all of the long number. Swanson was offered $500,000 for the formula. This seems a rather foolish thing to do since no one in authority believed Swanson's contact claims anyway. Twice more in June they drove by him on the way home and flashed a large attache case packed with money. On June 27 they stopped him in an alley and this time demanded that he take the money. This time there were three men in a black Cadillac 3-seater limosine. The one who seemed to be the "boss" sat in the rear seat and never got out. They left in a cloud of dust when the amazed and suspicious Swanson angrily refused the money.

Let me give you a description of these mysterious men. They had big, fat, round, dark complexioned, Oriental faces with piercing eyes slanted upward to the outside. All were heavy-set, looked about the age 30 to 40 and had thick black hair cut in the style of pre-crew cut years. They wore black suits, white shirts, and black ties. Their voices had a Chinese or Japanese accent, were pitched low or gruff, and they spoke in a normal unexcited tempo.

On August 2 another contactee, Laura Ingles (a pseudonym), was harrassed by a black Lincoln Continental Mark IV. The automobile would get ahead of her, then turn and come facing her at slow speed. She soon parked and ran into a bowling alley to escape. On September 23 on a rural road Swanson once again discovered he had his unwelcome visitors. This time they were in a tan Lincoln Mark IV. Swanson tried to outrun them and got up to 95 MPH, only to have them take exactly the right road to cut him off. Fed up with all this, and not wishing to lead them home, he stopped on a hilltop and grabbed a handful of rocks with the intention of smashing their windshield when they approached. When his pursuers saw the angered Swanson standing there they stopped, backed up, and left the scene.

Throughout the actions of the MIB we see such illogical acts. The witness is skilfully burdened with the task of trying to explain such foolish, meaningless acts.

On September 25 Laura found herself being trailed by a tan Lincoln. She had heard what had happened to Swanson, so she too, tried to outrun them, and when this failed, she stopped and got out to do battle with a small chopping axe her father had in the car. The strange automobile stopped, backed up, turned around in a rural driveway, and left the scene. On February 11, 1975 a big black Lincoln flashed around Laura as she drove on a dark rural road. She was stopped, and four men with revolvers jumped out of the car. The largest MIB, who appeared a heavy, barrel chested 5 foot 10, jerked her out of the car. They wanted to know where her father was, and where the formula was. Foolish questions, since they surely knew where he was, and that he was keeping the formula in his safe for Swanson. Laura was hit with a series of blows. The last knocked her on her back on the hood of the car. Then her strange assailants left.

When Laura reached home, her father Sam (a pseudonym), was furious. He took her to the sheriff's office, and also called in friends who came with guns. The mysterious men in black had disappeared again. The next day he took his swollen faced daughter to the doctor and also reported to other law enforcement officers in the area.

On the next night Sam Ingles had just left his farm when the tenant heard noises down by the barn. While investigating this, with shotgun in hand, the tenant spotted a distant intruder in the moonlit road. When this person failed to heed his cries to stop, the jumpy tenant blasted away at him. The figure whirled and fired back with what sounded like a shotgun. Now where have we heard about these crazy shotgun battles before? In Texas in 1968, of course. A car sped out from behind the barn and down the country road. The tenant jumped in his car

and managed to get close enough to see a Cadillac bearing a California license, before the automobile moved out of sight.

Several days later Laura looked out the upstairs window of her home, and there in the yard stood the big man who had previously beat her up. He just looked up at her. It had rained, and it looked like he had on an old style Stetson hat. Laura rushed downstairs and the family rushed outdoors. They even scoured the neighborhood in two cars. The MIB had vanished.

On February 21 Sam Ingles was visiting his farm. The tenant borrowed his car to go to the country store. A short time later he franticly rushed into the house shouting "They are right behind me!" He grabbed a shotgun and peered fearfully out a window as he related what had happened. As he was driving back from the store he had looked in his rear view mirror, and there was a big black car right on his bumper. He nearly lost control of his car in panic. Suddenly, there was nothing behind him when he looked again. When he entered the gravel driveway leading to his home he thought he could hear the crunch of tires on the gravel behind him. This is why he arrived home acting like a man possessed.

One day later Laura was enroute to her home when she was stunned by the sight of the same menacing figures in an automobile about 100 feet behind her. This time they were in what looked like a black Mercury. If we recall the Plymouth in the Watts case in Texas, it would appear that the MIB is not exclusively associated with Cadillacs. After Laura had swerved into her driveway she looked back and discovered that her pursuers had disappeared. Now, where have we heard such crazy tales before? From the alarmed Minnesota couple and the sheriff who interrupted Dr. Hynek's sleep.

Before we leave Tennessee let me mention a few more interesting details. During one incident the door of the MIB automobile was opened. Laura thought she saw what looked like a police scanner in the dashboard. An ordinary antenna was mounted on the trunk. Once one of the MIB appeared to have greying hair.

As I have stated previously, both Swanson and Laura Ingles were contactees in which the usual abduction, physical examination syndrome appeared. They also claimed periodic communication with whatever lay behind the UFO-MIB manifestations. This was a one way situation in which the aliens knew their thoughts, and created a voice inside their heads. After an originally garbled beginning, the voice became clear and commanding. Two different voices were heard. One was the exact tone and volume of the seemingly good UFO occupants who had taken them on their craft. The other voice was the frightening, mean, gruff, sound of the MIB. The intelligence behind the voices seemed to be playing some kind of uncomprehendible game, or else there really were two different groups at work in Tennessee. The things that happened to Swanson, including the adverse voice in his head, caused him to join a church. His contact with the aliens then ceased.

Laura was the recipient of such MIB voice comments as "We are the devil! Go burn your Bible!" However the voice sometimes seemed to speak in contradictory riddles. Once it said the Bible was a good guide for all humanity. This religious link in Tennessee reminds us of a similar remote link in Minnesota.

I have presented you with some thought provoking MIB incidents. Perhaps you will prefer to suspect that they are all lies. If so, remember that these lies seem to fit together in a very curious fashion.

In our human flesh form, with its limited sensory abilities, is our comprehension of total universal reality perhaps infinitesimal? What is the origin and purpose of the secretive intelligence behind the UFO-MIB phenomenon? Haven't we been told long ago? Let me quote the biblical scripture Ephesians 6:12. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. Against the rulers of darkness of this world. Against spiritual wickedness in high places." Look around you and see its other effects in the steady deterioration of the basic foundations of the home, country and church. We see the rapid advance of these forces as never before.

If you have any information on the MIB phenomenon about which I have written please write to me at 1051 Beech St., Connersville, Indiana, 47331, U.S.A. Your name will be kept confidential. ●

"FRINGE CASES"=

A Prospectus for the Eighties

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Michael Harris has a B.Sc. from McGill University where he majored in Physics. He has been researching the UFO phenomenon for quite some time, and is currently working on several articles related to the subject. We hope to feature more of his work in future issues.

In my view, ufology in the eighties is beginning to take on a completely new character, due largely to the impact of two very influential books: (1) *The Missing Seven Hours*, by David Haisell; and (2) *The Andreasson Affair*, by Raymond Fowler. An article in Vol. 1, No. 2, of *Journal UFO*, on "UFOs and the U.N.", by Michael Sinclair, indicates that during the seventies an increasing number of people, including scientists, came to the realization that it is neither unreasonable nor unscientific to admit the possibility that astronauts from extraterrestrial civilizations are visiting our planet in "nuts and bolts" vehicles, perhaps for the purpose of collecting specimens of the local flora and fauna. Most "legitimate" sightings, and even abductions, can be neatly explained by the ETI hypothesis.

Nagging at the backs of our minds, however, are the "non-legitimate" reports, such as: packs of black dogs being released from landed UFOs (1); St. John, St. Joseph, and the Virgin Mary stepping out of a globe of light that descended in a field near a church in Knock, Ireland (2); strange, big-eared creatures clambering around on the roof of a house near Hopkinsville, Kentucky, terrorizing the occupants (3); the clandestine activities of the notorious MIB (men in black); the "contactees"; and so on.

It used to be all too easy to lump these "weird" cases in with the traditional reports of leprechauns, ghosts, and other "occult" phenomena. The publication of the well-documented and scientifically analyzed cases of Gerry Armstrong and Betty Andreasson has shattered our growing complacency and opened up a whole Pandora's Box of unsettling enigmas and disturbing questions. "What, pray tell, is going on?" one might well ask.

Can we extend the ETI hypothesis to include black dogs and saints? Or must we come from the other direction and conclude that UFOs are the carriages of the elves, impinging upon our consciousness from some unknowable dream-world? Or is someone slipping belladonna into our water supply?

When one reads Chapter 12, *Automatic Handwriting*, from the Armstrong case, and Chapter 10, *The Blue Book*, from the Andreasson case, one is tempted to conclude that we are witnessing a new type of psychosis. The "messages" seemingly being sent by the telepathic aliens simply do not, in either case, display the superhu-

man intelligence that one would expect from beings capable of interstellar travel.

When one researches the topic of hallucinatory psychoses, particularly of the schizophrenic variety, one frequently encounters the suggestion that hallucinatory experiences occur as a result of the mind's efforts to defend itself from the perception of horrifying realities. This same Freudian approach is sometimes used even today by psychoanalysts in their attempts to probe the depths of their patients' minds by "interpreting" their dreams and nightmares. In applying this technique, one regards the "content" of the dream, or hallucination, as being symbolic of something else. By "interpreting" the symbols correctly, one can, theoretically, discover the true reality behind the symbols.

It is interesting to experiment with the assumption that Gerry Armstrong underwent an episode of hallucinatory psychosis during the "Niagara Falls and Back Again" incident described in Chapter 11 of *The Missing Seven Hours*. What was the reality beneath the "hallucinatory" trip to Niagara Falls? Armstrong said that he had "just fired someone", and "was emotionally upset about the whole thing." Did he associate Niagara Falls with a "vacation"? Was he running away from his problems by hallucinating that he made the trip? How does one begin to answer such questions about someone one has never met?

Perhaps the answer lies in a book entitled, *The Humanoids*, edited by Charles Bowen. On pages 90-94, ufologist Gordon Creighton describes a number of humanoid cases that appear to have rather startling implications for the Armstrong case.

In the Ciudad Valleys, Mexico, one evening in August, 1953, a cab driver was fixing his car when he encountered two pleasant-looking gentlemen about 4 1/2 feet high, clad in one-piece garments from neck to toe. One man spoke good Spanish, although with a strange accent, while the other evidently understood it but did not speak it. "Both smiled sympathetically, they discussed his car and trivial matters, and when it began to rain they accepted his invitation to shelter with him in the vehicle." The two "little men" later boarded a landed disc that rose slowly with a pendulum motion, began to glow intensely, and then shot vertically into the sky at a staggering speed.

In Linha Bela Vista, State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, on the evening of December 9, 1954, an "almost completely illiterate" farmer, who "had never heard of 'flying saucers'," saw a landed UFO with three humanoids. "They were of medium height," (note: in Brazil, medium height is somewhat shorter than in North America), "broad-shouldered, with long blond hair blowing in the wind.... Their clothing consisted of light brown coverall garments fastened to their shoes...." There was no verbal contact in this case.

In Porto Alegre, also in Rio Grande do Sul, on November 10, 1954, a farmer and his family were out for a ride in their car, when they saw a landed disc, from which emerged two apparently normal-sized men with long hair and overall-like clothing. "They approached the car with their hands above their heads...." The frightened witnesses later saw them re-enter the disc, "which rose into the sky at a dizzying speed."

Returning to the task of interpreting the "symbolism" of Armstrong's presumable hallucinatory trip to Niagara Falls, the obvious question is this: can the account that appears in Chapter 7 of *The Missing Seven Hours* be interpreted as a symbolic allegory generated by Armstrong's subconscious mind in an attempt to defend itself against the terrifying reality of an abduction by the same beings that were sighted in Central and South America in 1953-54, beings that may also have abducted Armstrong in the summer of 1953, when the original "missing seven hours" occurred?

According to the account, he was driving down Don Mills Road one evening in November, 1973, when he heard a rumbling and roaring sound. "I found myself stopping the car as two people were standing in front of me waving at me through the windshield." Did the beings have their hands in the air as they did in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and did he rationalize this oddity by regarding it as "waving"? He states that they were both "fairly young". Was it perhaps their short stature that led him to this conclusion? As in the Brazil encounters, the beings had long hair, and were wearing overalls.

"Suddenly I realized that the roaring I could hear was that of Niagara Falls." On p. 62 of the book, a UFO sighted by Armstrong and his family in the fall of 1973 was described as sounding "like the roar of..Niagara Falls!" Did Armstrong's subconscious mind retain this description of the sound of the UFO, and then use it that fateful evening to construct a defensive fantasy about a trip "to Niagara Falls"? Could it be that his desperate mind then went on to interpret the landed UFO itself as being "the concession building beside the falls"?

Three further details of the Armstrong incident are strikingly reminiscent of the Mexican encounter: it was raining, they all got into the car, and one of two beings did the talking.

The subsequent visit to the "garage" to fix the strangers' "flat tire" could very well have been an on-going hallucination, perhaps psychically encouraged and bolstered by the aliens as they led him aboard the UFO. In describing the "gas station", he says that "the whole place was so neat and clean."

During the period in question, Gerry Armstrong made a collect call to his wife, Susan, seemingly from "the Sheraton" in Niagara Falls. The call even appeared on their monthly phone bill. This is difficult to understand. However, UFOs have, in other cases, been reported to have interfered with phone calls in various ways. Perhaps the aliens seized upon this opportunity to provide corroboration for Armstrong's defensive hallucination - in order to further cover up the existence of the abduction - by allowing him to "make a call" to his wife....a call that was beamed into the phone system (which, after all, is merely electrical), in such a way that it was recorded by the phone company as having come from Niagara Falls.

One might hypothesize that the bizarre content of many close encounters - the black dogs, the saints, and so on - are all representative of the same type of hallucinatory mechanism. Perhaps it is simply the case that people see what they need to see in order to survive. Who knows what happens to the human mind when it is propelled to dizzyingly high levels of psychic energy by the sudden appearance of these superintelligent humanoids?

In the past, it seems to have been the tendency for many ufologists to "filter" their raw data - i.e. the UFO reports - so as to exclude those reports that didn't fit easily into the ETI framework. People who saw black dogs jumping out of flying saucers were put in a "Catch-22" position: they were regarded as "low-credibility witnesses" simply because they dared to report such "absurd" events, and for this reason their cases were rarely considered by "serious" ufologists. The Armstrong case, as well as the Andreasson case, are landmarks in ufology in that they both deal fairly and analytically with UFO experiences that would formerly have been dismissed as "fringe" cases.

My own view is that the ETI hypothesis is still tenable in the face of these "weird" reports, if we grant the possibility that: (1) ETI has a high-level component that we might tend to regard as "psychic" in nature; and (2) the human mind behaves strangely in close encounter incidents, which often leads to situations where observation and hallucination are woven together into a single subjective experience that can appear to have an almost ridiculous level of "strangeness".

As a parting thought, it might be worth pondering the ufological implications of the fact that terrestrial physicists are now confirming Sir James Jean's observation that the universe is looking more and more like a great thought than a great machine. The distinction that we humans make between "perception" and "hallucination" could turn out to be merely an idiosyncrasy of our species, with no actual foundation in objective reality.

Perhaps the "hallucinations" that many abductees seem to experience are not merely products of their own terrified minds, but are, in reality, a form of high-level, symbolic communication that the abductees receive from their abductors at a subconscious, hallucinatory level. If this hypothesis is indeed true, then our efforts to unravel the labyrinthine complexities of these bizarre "fringe cases" could yield unsuspected insights into the nature of extraterrestrial intelligence. ●

Some Reflections on UFO Research and International Co-operation

BERTIL KUHLEMANN

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Every organization (association, group, institute etc.) devoting its energies to UFO-oriented activities, whether research, investigations, or both, should define the goals for its work. Very often this is done in the statutes, but most often the formulation is vague and unspecified; usually it is quite ambitious with regard to what the organization has at its disposal in the way of methodology, available capacity and competence, as well as other more technical resources such as computers or field equipment.

Associations working locally or on a county-level ought to be responsible for:

- continuous reviewing of UFO incidents in the area covered
- continuous follow-up of UFO incidents by field investigations (through "internal" or external experts)
- compiling collected information in a standardized way (using a form common to all national groups, or internationally standardized)
- collating the collected information with check-up information gathered from different authorities to sort out IFOs (sometimes national co-operation will be needed to carry out this step)
- local public relations and information service to mass-media and the general public. Contacts with authorities would require some caution and should be made only in harmony with a national "pattern of action" (this will most probably require a national co-operative body)
- training of field investigators and controllers within the framework of a national (or better-an internationally harmonized) plan for such training including an appropriate handbook
- supplying the documents covering completed investigations to a national UFO-body for:
- publishing in national/international UFO journals
- incorporation, after pertinent coding, into national/international computerized databases for scientific analysis.

Nationally there should be preferably one but possibly more co-operative UFO groups with the following main functions:

- information and public relations to mass-media and the general public
- development of plans, aids and handbooks for the training of field investigators, controllers and codifiers, plus training of local/regional trainers
- reviewing and investigating UFO incidents occurring in places where no local UFO group(s) is/are available
- contacts with central authorities
- coding, data entry and computer processing on a national level.

This last group should also be responsible for:

- systematic development of methodology, standardized forms, control routines and the principal content of the training package
- the international UFO research co-operation.

With regard to the nature of the UFO enigma it should be quite self-evident that the "solution" will not be attainable at a national or county level or still less by local efforts. It will require a purposeful, co-ordinated and continuous international effort over a lengthy period of time. This in turn will require extraordinarily comprehensive resources which in reality only the society as a whole has at its disposal. The work of UFO organizations would therefore best be oriented towards:

- information (and public relations) to mass-media and the general public, continuing and expanding upon what has already been done in this direction
- systematic analysis of a selected amount of UFO data (minimum data base) to get a scientifically based, statistically significant answer to the question "Is there really something?". Not until such an answer (quantitatively well founded) is available will it be possible to acquire access to the required resources of society.

The fields of responsibility for an international UFO research organization would then be:

- to maintain an updated international minimum UFO data base:
  - for administrative support in field investigations (IFOs, multi-country incidents, common simultaneous flight paths)
  - for statistical analyses in UFO research
- to take on the responsibility for a harmonized investigations methodology (including report forms etc.)
- to develop a coding system
- to develop standardized training methods for field investigators, controllers, encoders (including appropriate handbooks)
- to open up channels for contacts with relevant authorities plus disseminating results of the findings of UFO research.

Sweden has organized its UFO research on a national basis, with the capability of international inter-relations. Project URD (URD: UFO Reporting and Data System.) has been designed to fulfill the requirements listed above, and thus to function as a research tool at all levels of UFO research. Project URD has a methodology aimed at various levels of scientific research, and a set of aids (standardized forms with a minimum amount of UFO data as an option, field investigators, controllers, codifiers and handbooks), plus an IBM-based computerized (SPSS) data base already in operation.

Project URD is run by the International URD Foundation of Sweden, and offers its services for use in internationally co-operative UFO research.

For further information contact Project URD at: Box 454, S-10126, Stockholm 1, SWEDEN. ●

English Ufologist Seeks Canadian Books

Wanted: The following titles -

HENRY BORDELAU:
J'ai Vu des Soucoupes Volantes (Editions du Jour, Ottawa 1966)
J'ai Percé Le Mystère des Soucoupes Volantes (Editions Nefer, Montreal 1969)
J'ai chassé Les Pilotes des Soucoupes Volantes (Editions Nefer, 1971)

ARTHUR BRAY:
Science, the Public and the UFO (1967)

I'd be interested to know of any other Canadian books in English or French. Immediate payment in dollars, or could exchange for British publications

Hilary Evans, 1 Tranquil Vale, London SE3 OBU, England.

U.S. Government and Military Sources of UFO Related Information --- AND HOW TO USE THEM!

Randolph W. Liebeck

Randolph W. Liebeck is a member of the National Military Intelligence Association (NMIA), an organization of military intelligence professionals, one function of which is to keep members of the various intelligence agencies up to date on the activities of the other agencies. He has several years experience in UFO field investigations and parapsychology research, and his experience in journalism and training in Naval Intelligence have been a great asset to him in these pursuits. He worked closely with Ralph DeGraw of Private UFO Investigations, serving as a special consultant in U.S. Government affairs. We have gratefully accepted his offer to also serve JUFO in this capacity.

There has recently been a great deal of publicity dealing with the attempts of certain groups, such as Ground Saucer Watch, to gain access to the UFO research files of various government agencies.

While such groups as GSW do lead the movement to have new information released, the average, independent UFO researcher does have access to a large amount of material that has already been released by the government, and he can even cause the release of previously unavailable documents. The purpose of this report is to let you know who to write for this type of information, and what to ask for.

The Central Intelligence Agency, of course, is the main target of the Freedom of Information Act suits, and does maintain a great mass of information on the subject. As of my last check with CIA, the agency had released 879 pages of UFO related documents, most of them a result of William Spaulding's FOIA movements. The agency used to supply members of the press with these documents free of charge, but Lavon B. Strong of the CIA Public Affairs Office has recently informed me that they now are charging a 10¢ per page photocopy fee. I would assume that this fee also applies to non-press researchers.

Contact the following address for access to CIA materials: Deputy for Plans and Programs, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., 20505 U.S.A., Phone: (703) 351-7676.

The Defense Intelligence Agency does not maintain any project files of UFOs, and does not concern itself with domestic UFO sightings, primarily because the DIA's mission is to satisfy the foreign military intelligence requirements of the Department of Defense. They might, however, be able to supply data on specific cases dealing with foreign sightings in which foreign military units were involved, such as the Iran case. Contact: Louis E. Foster, Freedom of Information Act Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., 20301 U.S.A.

The National Security Agency/Central Security Service (The NSA was merged with the CSS in 1972 under a Nixon Administration directive), which has close ties with the CIA, is known to have been involved in extensive UFO investigations. This agency, operating under the Department of Defense, is extremely security oriented, and doesn't like to answer too many questions. They might be prompted, however, to issue a statement on certain cases that may occur in the future if there is an extreme interest in the case expressed by the public. Address: Roy R. Banner, Chief, Policy Staff, National Security Service, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, 20755 U.S.A.

Cases that are directly related to the Air Force, such as a UFO sighting over a base that interferes with radar, are sometimes looked into by the Office of Special Investigations (OSI). OSI is the counter-intelligence service for the Air Force (it is a separate agency), and it investigates security threats to the AF, such as radar jamming that might be caused by a UFO. Be sure to inquire only about specific cases that relate to security threats or your letter will be met by a standard Air Force UFO policy letter. Contact: Joseph W. Corfield, Major, USAF, Director of Public Affairs, H.Q. Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., 20332 U.S.A.

The North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) deals with the violation of U.S. and Canadian airspace by unidentified objects. As with OSI, inquire only about specific cases, or all you will get is an Air Force policy sheet. Contact: Betty Wade, Information Assistant, Office of the Director of Public Affairs, H.Q. North American Air Defense Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado, 80914 U.S.A.

Contacting the White House will get you a form letter from NASA which is nothing more than the Air Force policy sheet printed on a NASA letterhead. NASA does not investigate UFO reports.

The files of the old joint CIA/USAF Project Blue Book are located at the National Archives. The records consist of 94 reels of microfilm and are available for $12.00 a reel. Motion pictures and sound recordings may also be ordered. (On request, the Administration Records Service will send you a price list for motion pictures, sound recordings, microfilms, and contact sheet prints available from Blue Book files. Sound recordings are available in reel-to-reel and cassette. Write to: Motion Picture and Sound Recording Branch, Audio-Visual Archives Division, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C., 20408. Ask for listing and prices for record group 341. Editor.) In order to view the original documents at the Archives, you must first apply for a researchers pass.

The National Archives also maintains non-Blue Book files on UFOs which are classified and not available to non-security cleared persons. Information on obtaining special security clearances is available from the archives. It is a fairly complicated process involving security checks, fingerprinting, etc. Contact: Modern Military Branch, Military Archives Division, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C., 20408 U.S.A.

A great amount of valuable information on UFOs is available from the U.S. intelligence and military services. When writing these agencies, always be polite, and never blast them with charges of coverups and conspiracies, even when they refuse to release any information. These agencies are bound by national security regulations. The only way to change this is to go through the courts and have the classified material de-classified. This is where groups like Ground Saucer Watch can help. ●

You and Me

By BRINSLEY Le POER TRENCH
(Earl of Clancarty)


Earl of Clancarty

Brinsley Le Poer Trench has been around the UFO scene for quite some time. He has been researching the subject since the end of World War II, and was a former editor of Britain's well respected journal, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, now edited by Charles Bowen. Trench is now a member of the British House of Lords, taking his seat in 1976 after succeeding to his title, Lord Clancarty, in 1975. He is the author of seven well known books on UFOs and on January 18, 1979 he introduced a debate on the subject in the House of Lords. In this article he details the activities of the House of Lords All Party UFO Study Group, which was formed subsequent to that debate.

It occurred to me that you, the readers, might like to learn about the activities of our House of Lords All Party UFO Study Group.

The group was formed as a result of a suggestion I made when introducing the UFO Debate in the House of Lords on 18 January, last year.

In the ensuing days after the Debate a number of Peers told me that they would like to join such a group. However, there was a General Election soon after the Debate, and Her Majesty the Queen did not open Parliament until the middle of May, last year.

So we had to wait to have our inaugural meeting in June to elect officers and discuss aims.

Since then we have had six more meetings with guest speakers from England (2), Spain (1) and the United States (3).

Appropriately, on 10 July, last year, we started with Charles Bowen who has been editing *Flying Saucer Review* for some 15 years. Incidentally, the magazine is now in its 25th year of publication. I managed to get it accepted into the House of Lords library some time ago.

As would be expected Bowen gave us a very good talk but inclined to the view that the ufonauts were hostile.

After the long summer recess, on 20 November we were addressed by an American, Mr. Edwin Slade, who is a prominent member of ICUFON (Intercontinental UFO Research and Analytic Network). He is, in fact, their research officer, as well as being a nuclear physicist and a former lecturer on rocket theory at the University of New York. He gave us a splendid talk and took the view that there were many advanced civilizations in space, and that apart from a few exceptions, the vast majority were basically friendly.

On the 11th December, our guest speaker was Senor Antonio Ribera, author of many UFO books, and the foremost civilian researcher in Spain. He, too, gave us a marvellous address. Here is a quote from his speech.

"The scientific establishment of each epoch usually frowns upon any new development or idea. The examples are common. I do not want to quote again the well-known example of Galileo Galilei, who incidentally seems to be on his way to rehabilitation by Rome. Less known is the example of meteorites. 'Since in the sky there are no stones, stones cannot fall from the skies,' said pompously the French scientists at the end of the 18th century. But stones did fall from the skies. Today, the study of meteorites is commonplace in all universities.

"When for the first time in history, the Wright Brothers were flying a short distance over the Kitty Hawk beach, that same day of 1903, the *Washington Post* published a story written by the mathematician Newcomb, proving with the help of Mathematics that the flight of an object heavier than air was impossible.

"I have the feeling that with the UFO problem we are stumbling again upon the same stone. The stone of our conceit..."

On 29 January, 1980, our guest speaker was Major Colman S. VonKeviczky, MMSE. He is director of the earlier mentioned ICUFON group. He, too, gave us a most stimulating and thought provoking talk. What a marvellous character is Colman!

In his concluding remarks he quoted Michael A.G. Mishoud, the U.S. State Department's Office of International Security Director who said in June, 1978:

"Aliens from other solar systems are a potential threat to us, and we are a potential threat to them."

It is my own view that if a World War III started and nuclear weapons were used, no one would win such a conflict, and the result would be a holocaust. Millions of people would be killed and the earth destroyed.

As a result of nuclear or neutron bombs exploding on the earth, radiation would reach out into the Ionosphere, and harm other parts of the galaxy.

On 19 February, we were addressed by an Englishman, W. Raymond Drake, the author of a large number of books about ancient astronauts from elsewhere.

He spoke entirely without notes and rattled off biblical dates, as well as others in Ancient Egypt and long ago in the Far East. He must have a photographic memory!

Then, on 11 March our guest was Mr. Zecharia Sitchin, the American author of the best selling book on both sides of the Big Pond called *The Twelfth Planet*. I mentioned him in my last article, so will just mention that he gave us a fascinating talk.

Now I come to something quite astounding! The previously mentioned Antonio Ribera wrote to me some weeks ago from Spain, advising that another Spaniard, Señor Grilfo, had taken a colour film of a UFO at Mount Montserrat, near Barcelona. Senor Grilfo had heard of Ribera's work as a writer and investigator of UFOs. So he went to see him, and gave a showing of his film to the UFO investigator.

Ribera wrote that this film was first-rate, and asked if I could arrange for it to be analysed by the Royal Air Force. I showed his letter to Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Hill-Norton, who is a former Chief of our Defence Staff, and a keen member of the House of Lords UFO Study Group!

Lord Hill-Norton wrote to a friend of his in our Ministry of Defence, an Air Marshal who is Vice Chief of the Air Staff.

Subsequently, Lord Hill-Norton wrote and told me that it was all arranged. As he was going abroad for a short time, I was asked to ring the Air Marshal. This I did, and it was arranged to hand the film over to him on 2 April.

It had also been arranged for the two Spaniards to bring the film over to London, and give a screening of it to the Lords UFO Group on the evening of 1 April.

Then, a few days ago I received an international telegram from Ribera reading as follows:

Cancel arrangements STOP film confiscated STOP letter follows regards Antonio.

Well, what do you readers make of that?!

At the time of writing this article I am still waiting for the follow-up letter, but it does seem that some people in authority are more than interested in the UFOs! ●

Book Review

Michael Sinclair

UFO SIGHTINGS, LANDINGS AND ABDUCTIONS - The Documented Evidence *by Yurko Bondarchuk. Toronto et al.: Methuen, 1979. Softcover. xvi + 208 pp. Illustrated. Bibliography. Index. (ISBN 0-458-94160-3.)*

The title does not say so, but this book is mainly a compilation, with some analysis, of many diverse Canadian UFO reports. It also discusses aspects of the UFO phenomenon in Canada, and is recommended to all interested in the subject in this country.

The first five chapters discuss one common categorization of UFO reports: photographic evidence, landings and physical traces, physical reactions to sightings, occupants, and abductions. Chapters 6 and 7 deal with UFO reports in the vicinity of military installations and sightings reported by military pilots. Next, a brief discussion is provided about UFOs reported near energy generating sights (ch. 8) and those which cause electro-magnetic effects and power blackouts (ch. 9). Chapters 10 and 11 discuss UFO cases stimulated by radar sightings and reports of UFOs by Canadian civilian pilots, respectively. In this reviewer's opinion the book's best section is "The Canadian Government and UFOs"** (ch. 12), whereas the final chapter, entitled "Future Scenarios", is the least useful. The book is extensively illustrated and contains a good bibliography (4½ pages) and a detailed index.

This book's main utility is that it has brought together a great deal of widely dispersed information. Bondarchuk covers a diverse and varyingly illuminated terrain - the UFO scene in Canada - and has organized information and analysis in a logical and easily readible manner. Useful additions would have been a brief discussion about the difficulties inherent in the investigation of UFO reports and an outline of the scattered Canadian groups and individuals engaged in this activity. Readers interested in particular types of UFO reports and in the subject in general in Canada should be able to comprehend any chapter without necessarily having to read the preceding ones.

In discussing specific cases the author frequently cites information from the "Non-Meteoric Sighting" (i.e., UFO report) file of the National Research Council (NRC) in Ottawa. (Bondarchuk never makes the point - well-known to some UFO researchers - that information from these files must be copied out by hand because the Canadian government will not permit photocopying of material in the files.) Virtually all of the data used in this book are drawn from the NRC files or from (other) secondary sources, and Bondarchuk seems to have made good use of both. Unfortunately, he never defines UFOs (or the whole subject overall), and throughout the book he routinely assumes that some kind of extra-terrestrial intervention or intelligence is the stimulus of most UFO reports.

In his interesting penultimate chapter about the Canadian government's role in UFO research Bondarchuk is overly generous - some would say downright inaccurate - in saying that Canada "can at least boast of having initiated *progressive* UFO research policies" (p. 175; emphasis added). The only such study undertaken by the Canadian government - Project Second Storey - apparently did very little (as Bondarchuk's book reveals - see pp. 176-79) in its active period in 1952-53. Project Magnet, the other so-called federal government UFO research project, is described by the National Research Council as an initiative of Wilbert B. Smith, a Canadian radio engineer working with the federal Department of Transport, who carried out most of the project's work on his own time, though permitted to use government facilities in doing so (pp. 185-86). Bondarchuk discusses the controversy surrounding both projects and observes that a full assessment about them cannot be made yet because some of the results of their work have not been made public (pp. 178-79, 185-89).

Although his citations of source materials are numerous, the author frequently makes broad general statements without adequate (or sometimes any) documentation. For example, when discussing unexplained UFO sightings by Canadian military personnel he says that "many observers feel that" the available data are "only a trickle of information, the mere tip of the iceberg" (pp. 90-91). Similarly, he also used these phrases: "many critics feel" (p. 94); "in every known case" (p. 101); "in many ufological circles" (p. 103); "speculation that..." (p. 130); and "These are just a few of the questions that to date have remained unanswered under the pretext of preserving our national security" (p. 115). The author does not identify the numbers of observers, critics, cases, questions, etc., or even those of which he is aware. One final example: he refers to "every known case" of UFOs causing electro-magnetic interference and/or temporary failure of internal combustion engines (pp. 129-30), but he does not say how many such cases he knows about or who has studied them - and how extensively. Such sweeping statements weaken the book's credibility, particularly as Bondarchuk appears not to know the answers to these questions, or that they are important.

Confidence in the book is also weakened somewhat by the author's ignorance (and, apparently, that of his publisher) of a few minor facts. Bondarchuk's reference to the Privy Council is not totally accurate as well as misleading (p. 44). The late Harold Winch was a well-known CCF (Co-operative Commonwealth Federation) Member of Parliament, but the book says that he was a Progressive Conservative MP (p. 189).

More importantly, Bondarchuk often tends to confuse evidence for proof. *"Suspected* footprints and credible testimonies by witnesses under hypnosis" do not constitute "undisputable proof", as he asserts (p. 56; emphasis added). In UFO research the witnesses must be credible in order to be believed no matter how incredible is their testimony, whether revealed under hypnosis or otherwise.

This reviewer's most important criticism of the book is that Bondarchuk annoyingly assumes that UFO cases are caused by extra-terrestrial intelligence (ETI) - as if it were an automatic connection. Examples: "creatures from another world" (p. 78); "spacenappings" to describe UFO abductions (p. 79); the abductees' "contact with alien beings" (p. 79); "the abduction and space voyage of.. Carl Higdon" (p. 80); "diagnoses by....alien physicians" (p. 81); "terrestrial guests" of "alien entities" (p. 81); and "cosmic Marcus Welbys" (p. 82). The author's bias towards the ETI explanation is most obvious in his very brief and weak conclusions chapter: "...direct contact between the Earth's inhabitants and UFO beings is not only inevitable but also imminent - probably before the year 2000" (p. 195). How so? Why? Bondarchuk does not tell us. On the other hand, he does offer a few useful semi-agnostic statements, such as "..the behaviour of visiting UFOs and their occupants suggests that there is a sense of purpose behind these excursions." Agreed, but he then says: "It is inconceivable that their journeys to a peripheral planet such as ours are merely haphazard or mindless." ETI again. Most knowledgeable UFO researchers would likely agree that thoroughly investigated but unexplained - perhaps unexplainable - UFO reports constitute evidence (not necessarily proof) of a genuinely unique and important puzzle which the scientific community cannot explain, but that ETI may or may not be one of the answers to the UFO riddle. In such a situation of inconclusive evidence the best response is that taken, for example, by McMaster University physicists after they studied Pat McCarthy's famous photographs of a UFO near Waterdown, Ontario, on March 18, 1975. Bondarchuk quotes the *Hamilton Spectator* as saying that: "All we can say with absolute certainty is that it is an unidentified flying object. Beyond that it's all hypothesis" (cited on p. 17). One regrets that Bondarchuk did not take the same position in his generally informative and useful book. ●

***Readers seeking further information about the Canadian government's activity and involvement in the UFO field should also consult chapters 6 and 7 (pp. 45-75) of another recently published book about UFOs in Canada - THE UFO CONNECTION, by Arthur Bray (available directly from Jupiter Publishing, P.O. Box 5528, Station "F", Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2C 3M1). ix + 109 pp. + 81 pp. of annexes. Hardcover $13.95; Quality Softcover $7.95. (ISBN 0-9690135-0-7.)*

CANADIAN UFO REPORT

UFO NOTEBOOK

John Magor

What makes a good UFO sighting? Is it the proximity of the object, detail, noise or lack of it, the rare presence of an occupant (which needless to say makes any sighting a good one), or something else of a tangible sort that the witness remembers? While all of these things have a part, of course, I think an important quality of a good sighting is something intangible, and for that reason it may be lost from whatever report is made, formal or otherwise.

I refer to the air of purpose of a UFO. Obviously a strange craft that flashes past will not make the same impression as one that pauses in flight, but how much more must the latter do to show an "air of purpose" and qualify as the subject of a good sighting? Not necessarily a great deal, given circumstances in which its presence becomes logical and interesting. Let me offer an outstanding example that comes to mind. It is taken from CUFOR vol. 3, no. 7.

The scene was off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Although the long, often fierce nights of winter were over, Capt. A. G. Chamberlain of the C.S.S. Parizeau was fully alert as he and his helmsman kept watch from the wheelhouse as the ship steamed past Barkley Sound one night in May, 1975. Towing a magnetometer, and with a group of scientists aboard, it was conducting a geophysical survey to measure local variations in the earth's magnetic field and at the same time a hydrographic survey to take soundings.

"It was rather a dirty night," the captain told me. "Very heavily overcast with a low cloud ceiling of about 1,000 feet, with light drizzle.

"I had been walking back and forth across the wheelhouse when ahead of us I saw a bright light falling from the cloud cover. My first reaction was that it was a flare, and then I thought of a falling meteorite or shooting star. But it was too large for that. I had just decided it was an aircraft falling in flames when the object came to a dead stop. It didn't slow down, it just stopped.

"After remaining stationary for a brief period about half a mile away and two or three hundred feet above the water, the object took off horizontally without any change in its altitude. We watched it speed away for about eight or nine miles until it disappeared in the rain. The whole sighting lasted about half a minute."

Emphasizing all his measurements were guesswork, though based on long experience in looking out the wheelhouse windows, Capt. Chamberlain estimated the circular or oval object to be 200-250 feet in diameter and about 50 feet in depth. Brilliantly lit as if the casing itself was luminous, it was pure white on top while the lower portion was a pulsating red. No windows or openings of any sort were evident.

"This thing impressed me as being an immense object," the captain added. "Its maneuverability as it fell and the speed with which it disappeared into the distance were something I couldn't possibly explain. Neither was there any sound.

"The impression I got while the object was stationary was that it was a beautifully engineered piece of equipment."

By any standard Capt. Chamberlain and his helmsman had a good sighting. The shining white and pulsing red sections of the craft gave a vivid effect, and it is noteworthy that that captain was impressed by its beautiful engineering. However, most of the impact of the sighting was caused by the deliberate and sudden manner in which the object appeared near the hydrographic ship and remained long enough to show it was fully curious about what was going on. Here was an intelligence at work. Here was a striking air of purpose, though the strange machine did no more than hover briefly. It was the hydrographic ship with its paraphernalia that completed the picture of something important going on.

As it happened, a year earlier almost to the day and less than 50 miles inland from Barkley Sound there was another incident involving the sudden appearance of a strange flying object through low overcast. Although even more spectacular than the later case, it had a confused pattern and I include it here to show the effect that is lost when an incident has no apparent purpose.

The sighting occurred at Cowichan Lake in the south-central section of Vancouver Island, and it was reported to the press by motel operator Eric Meuser who watched the dramatic display with his wife and two sons (CUFOR vol. 3, no. 2).

When first seen just short of midnight the object was tumbling from clouds overhead, trailing a flaming substance, and the Meusers immediately thought with horror that they were watching an airliner on fire which would plunge into the lake right in front of their place.

But seconds later, as the craft came closer, they realized it was something strange. There were three very bright masses of orange lights spaced in a triangular shape, Meuser told me when I saw him after the press report. Tilted at a slight angle, the lights rotated and were obviously attached to a large body of some sort, although no solid form was visible.

"It was so close we thought it might hit us," he said. "It was tumbling down in a steep spiral and looked as if it was out of control. I saw many planes shot down during the war and that's exactly what this thing looked like.

"But suddenly it stopped right over that island out there a few hundred yards away, though it was never quite still. Besides rotating, it kept moving in a slight arc and it continued to drop its flaming pieces. Then slowly it moved away until it was out of sight. Next day we crossed over to the island and looked carefully all around, but we found nothing unusual."

At the time of sighting a satellite-tracking station had just gone into operation near Cowichan Lake, one of only two of its kind in Canada. Since there was nothing else of significance in the area, that might explain the presence of the UFO but could it also explain its fiery behavior? Without a tidy sequence of cause and effect, the main result of that incident was to leave its witnesses bewildered and a little alarmed.

On the other hand, Capt. Chamberlain in his hydrographic survey ship stayed awake most of the night after his sighting, pondering the skilful though mystifying feat of seek-and-find airmanship he had just witnessed.

Since Cowichan Lake is about 20 miles from Duncan, where we live, it was a simple matter to visit the Meusers after their experience and obtain an on-the-spot account of what happened. It all seemed so close, my wife and I wondered if the fiery object had flown over our place as well.

Then last February we had another flaming UFO to wonder about. This happened when the phone rang and the caller said the night before he and his wife had seen a strange object, apparently on fire, flying in the direction of Cowichan Lake! A quick calculation showed it must have passed within a couple of miles of our house.

Our informant identified himself as Don McRae, a local resident. He said the craft, flying soundlessly at about 2,000 feet, had a revolving light on top, a bright searching light on the bottom and was dropping chunks of glowing red mat-

erial. A balloon with fireworks was out of the question because the object moved at an angle against the wind.

Suddenly a particularly large chunk fell out and at that instant the whole device disappeared, still in total silence. There was no revolving light, no searchlight and no more dropping pieces.

Again, what was the purpose? Of all the strange features of the whole strange UFO phenomenon, the flaming craft that remains airborne or simply disappears sometimes seems strangest of all.

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While coincidence plays a real, though perhaps largely unrecognized part in every aspect of life, I sometimes wonder whether in this UFO business it carries a little more authority than elsewhere. For instance, over the past few years I have been in touch with Dorothy Wilkinson of Richmond, B.C., who has had extraordinary results with what appears to be psychic photography. Dorothy's gift in that usually vague field is so pronounced that, following some inner prompting, she will aim her camera at the clear evening sky and capture on film the images of extraordinary and colorful aerial activity as if UFOs, usually invisible to the naked eye, were performing for her personal benefit. From time to time she will send me prints of her better shots, several of which have appeared in CUFOR.

In time I hope to say something more about Dorothy's work in these pages but the insight I wish to offer now is that on two separate occasions, while I was writing about her almost eerie photography, the phone on my desk rang and it was Dorothy calling to explain precisely the point which I in turn was trying to explain to my readers. Her timing from a distance of 100 miles or so, and without her knowing when I would be at my typewriter, was literally breath-taking and about as eerie as her photos.

Because of Dorothy's psychic gifts there was probably something more than coincidence involved. Obviously she is tuned to influences far beyond the reach of most of us, and I can well understand the words of one of her friends, also a psychic, who described her as an "open channel" who must learn to protect herself from her own images (which apparently she has now done).

A few days ago (late in March) I had another experience with "coincidence" while I was putting some material together on mini-UFOs. After referring to these in my last entry for CUFOR Notebook, I came across more items about encounters with tiny craft which I then filed for possible use later. I still had my eye out for anything else of the same sort when a phone call came from Linda Crichton, 13, a schoolgirl in this area to whom I had earlier sent a couple of copies of CUFOR to help in one of her writing assignments.

Linda was phoning now to say that she, with five school-friends, had just had a sighting of her own - and unknown to her she chalked up another mark for coincidence. She said that while she and her friends were playing outside the evening before, they saw a faintly glowing light-colored object hovering between trees at the foot of a slope below them. Linda guessed it was slightly more than 100 feet away, yet they could clearly see it was something strange. Cigar-shaped, it had a red light at one end and three or more whitish lights on top.

But what Linda stressed in particular was the size of the object. It was only about a foot long, she said!

For such a small craft, its ability to handle itself was remarkable. From almost tree-top level, and keeping carefully clear of branches, it lowered itself to a point about three feet from the ground where it hovered in a tempting position for closer inspection.

Hesitant but curious, the children started down the slope but apparently for the object the game was over. When the children were about halfway there, it vanished, and they found nothing although they continued as far as the trees and searched well.

Perhaps Linda's call, coming when it did, was merely coincidence or perhaps she had just seen a member of the same invasion of mini-UFOs I had been reading about. Whatever the case, contacts like this one and Dorothy's are what keeps a UFO reporter going. Baffled though he may be, he would not miss the next surprise for anything. ●